## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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PRODUCT NAME: CAUSTIC SODA SOLUTION 50%

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## 7. FIRST AID: (CONTINUED)

INGESTION: Do not induce vomiting. Give large amounts of water or milk if available and transport to medical facility.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air if effects occur. Consult medical.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Corrosive. May cause stricture. If lavage is performed, suggest endotracheal and/or esophagoscopic control. Material is strong alkali. If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. For burns of skin only. Eye irrigation may be necessary for an extended period of time to remove as much caustic as possible. Duration of irrigation and treatment is at the discretion of medical personnel. No specific antidote. Supportive care. Treatment based on judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

## 8. HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:

EXPOSURE GUIDELINE(S): Sodium hydroxide: ACGIH TLV is 2 mg/m3 ceiling; OSHA PEL is 2 mg/m3 (TWA).

VENTILATION: Control airborne concentrations below the exposure guideline. Good general ventilation sufficient for most operations.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: In misty atmospheres, use an approved mist respirator. If respiratory irritation is experienced, use an approved air-purifying respirator.

SKIN PROTECTION: Use protective clothing impervious to this material. Selection of specific items such as gloves, boots, apron, hard hat with face-shield or full-body suit will depend on operation. Remove contaminated clothing immediately, wash skin area with soap and water, and launder clothing before reuse.

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